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SUBJECT: JAPAN AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT

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1. REFTEL REPORT DISCUSSED WITH JAPANESE EMBASSY
ECONOMIC MINISTER KOSUGI HERE. HE HAD RECEIVED INFO
COPY OF JAPANESE EMBASSY CAIRO TELEGRAM TO TOKYO ON
SAME MEETING WITH ABU ISMAIL, IN WHICH JAPANESE AMBASSADOR
REPORTED ABU ISMAIL HAD EXPRESSED APPRECIATION OF
JAPANESE AID BUT ASKED JAPAN TO INCREASE NON-PROJECT
PLEDGE TO \$100 MILLION. AMBASSADOR HAD EXPLAINED THAT
BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS MADE THIS IMPOSSIBLE. JAPANESE
TELEGRAM SAYS NOTHING ABOUT RENEGING ON JAPAN'S PLEDGE
OF \$50 MILLION NON-PROJECT EMERGENCY AID OR OF REQUEST BY
ABU ISMAIL TO NEGOTIATE LOAN AGREEMENT ON THIS AMOUNT OR
THE \$50 MILLION PROJECT AID LOAN.

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2. KOSUGI REITERATED THAT JAPAN HAS FIRMLY DECIDED TO

PROVIDE \$50 MILLION EMERGENCY NON-PROJECT AID
(CONSISTING OF \$25 MILLION NEW COMMITMENT AND \$25 MILLION
COMMITTED EARLIER BUT NOT LENT) PLUS \$50 MILLION OF
PROJECT AID, WITH WILLINGNESS TO PUT LATTER AMOUNT INTO
FAST-DISBURSEMENT PROJECT PROCUREMENT.

3. IT APPEARS THAT THERE WAS MISUNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
ABU ISMAIL AND JAPANESE AMBASSADOR, PROBABLY RESULTING
FROM IMMEDIATE SHIFT OF CONVERSATION TO GOE DESIRE FOR
INCREASE IN JAPANESE PLEDGE AND INCOMPLETE RESPONSE TO
THIS PLOY BY JAPANESE AMBASSADOR.

4. WE SUGGEST THAT AMBASSADOR EILTS DISCUSS SITUATION
DIRECTLY WITH JAPANESE AMBASSADOR AND ASK HIM TO
STRAIGHTEN OUT ABU ISMAIL AND GET ON WITH NEGOTIATION
OF JAPANESE LOANS. INGERSOLL

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